

Dream Dollars

Program Description

This year the USC Career Planning & Placement Center will be offering a unique “scholarship” program for undergraduates. The USC Dream Dollars Program provides stipends for USC students who secure unpaid internships with a non-profit or government organization. This program is currently in its third year and will support students hoping to gain work experience from an unpaid internship. Students will be selected through an application and interview process. All internships must be a minimum of six weeks during the summer. The program provides a stipend of \$1,200 for each student.

Program Objectives

The USC Dream Dollars Program aims to assist students in financing career exploration in the non-profit and government fields. Students will have the opportunity to gain a career development experience through the program.

Program Eligibility

Candidates must maintain good academic standing, and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at USC. Former Dream Dollar recipients are not eligible to apply. If you receive additional USC summer awards from research grants, foundations or scholarships, you will not be eligible to receive the Dream Dollars. Candidates must have a graduation date between December 2010 and May 2013. Students must have an internship prior to applying for Dream Dollars. Please contact CPPC Internship Advisors Lauren Opgenorth, laurenth@usc.edu or Lissa Williams, llisawil@usc.edu, if you need assistance finding an internship.

Application Process

Applications for the Summer 2010 will be available online and at the Internship Programs Office of the Career Planning & Placement Center, STU B1. Applications and supporting materials must be completed and returned to the Internship Programs Office **by 5:00pm on April 9, 2010**. Candidates will be notified via e-mail if they are selected for an interview with the USC Dream Dollars Selection Committee.

Please submit a complete packet, containing the following documents to complete the application process:

1. Complete application form
2. Current resume
3. Academic Record Summary, available at the Registration Building (REG)
4. Personal essay: a one page narrative explaining your current academic program, why you are interested in the USC Dream Dollars Program, how you think this internship experience will enhance your undergraduate experience and have an impact on your future.
5. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member. No letters from peers or family members will be accepted. A faculty business card and/or department letterhead stationery are required. The letter should comment on applicant's commitment to the non-profit and/or government sector.

Selection Process

Students will be selected based on their application, faculty recommendation, interview and internship. There is no minimum GPA requirement. Students are expected to demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Questions?

**Call the Career Planning & Placement Center
at (213) 740-9108 or e-mail intrns@usc.edu**

USC DREAM DOLLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please provide all information requested. This form must be returned with all other documents to the Internship Programs Office at the Career Planning & Placement Center (Student Union B1) by **5:00 pm** on **April 9, 2010**. **Applications with incomplete information or missing documents will not be considered.**

Contact Information

Name _____

Local Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Perm. Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local Phone (_____) _____ Perm. Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Student ID (10-digit) # _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Relationship _____ E-mail _____

List all USC summer scholarships, research grants and foundation awards you have/plan to apply for: _____

Academic Standing

Class _____ Major _____ Degree _____

Other Major _____ Minor _____

of Credits Completed _____ GPA _____ Graduation Date (Mo/Yr) _____

Reference (MANDATORY)

List the telephone number and e-mail for the faculty member who will be writing a letter of reference for you:

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Internship Details

Internship Organization _____

Internship Start date _____ End date _____ Location _____

Contact Name _____ Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

I give my permission to the USC Dream Dollars Selection Committee to request an official Student Conduct background check, and to access my academic records.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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